

bered about twenty-five scholars. The next winter a school was taught by Mr. Richard Perkins, on the old road running north of the village.

The first framed school-house was built in 1804.* It was the next building eastward of Joseph Tanner's residence. The first school in it was taught by Mr. Truman Wheeler.

In 1834 the State passed a law for a general system of education by Common Schools. In the same year there was a Board of School Directors chosen in this town under that law. The first officers were Truman Wheeler, President, and William R. Stone, Secretary. There are now in this town fourteen Common Schools, and 500 scholars. The school-houses are generally well built and commodious. One is of stone, one of brick, and others of wood, well finished and painted.

There have never been permanent provisions made in this town for a higher education than what is obtained in the Common Schools. We notice several, however, who were born and spent their youth here, that have overcome obstacles, and with an education more or less extensive, have entered some of the professions. These are Rev. Wesley Miller, a clergyman in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He graduated at the Wesleyan University in 1848. We may also notice Mr. Jacob Eaton, who is a member of the Presbyterian Church in this place, and also of the Theological Department of Yale College. He is now

*The author has been informed that a log school-house was erected in 1798. It stood in the vicinity of Philo Spencer's residence.

about entering the last year of his preparatory studies for the ministry. In the legal profession, we notice Mr. Henry L. Palmer, who is practicing law in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Of physicians, we notice Drs. Lowell Lillibridge, who died in California, Solomon Essary, who is practicing medicine near Chester, New York, Charles T. Wheeler, who is a practicing physician in Indiana, William H. Wheeler, who is now dead, and Jirah Rogers, who is practicing medicine in Wisconsin.

For a greater diffusion of knowledge among the people, there has been for many years a circulating library in town. It consists at the present time of 157 volumes.

XI. RESIDENT PHYSICIANS.

The first resident physician in this township was Dr. Asa Parks. He lived in a house which stood east of Mr. John F. Sherwood's residence, on the farm now owned by Mr. Arthur. The old chimney stack is still to be seen. He resided here three or four years, and was considered a good physician. He was afterwards a successful practitioner in Montrose for many years. Before he came here the people employed Dr. Chandler, who resided in Gibson, about sixteen miles west of this place. His ride extended beyond here twenty miles to the Delaware river.

The next resident physician was Dr. John P. Kennedy. He came in 1811, and left in 1815. He lived in a house which stood nearly opposite Mr. John F. Sherwood's.